

Daily Devotion For March 15, 2023

"You cannot tell **where the wind comes from or where it is going**. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." John 3:8

As I write this devotion, strong winds have been kicking up and blowing things around my backyard. My patio chairs upside down and flying around. Even though we can't see the wind, we can feel it, hear it and watch what it does.

Jesus calls us to think of the Holy Spirit as a kind of wind. The Greek word for Spirit is "Pneuma" which means breath.

In Genesis 1 we read of the Spirit/wind hovering over the waters, creating order where there was once chaos. We as human beings are but "dust of the ground" until God blows his wind into us, making us living beings (Genesis 2:7).

As the Spirit of God breathed original life into Adam and Eve, so the Spirit gives us rebirth and new life. Jesus says, "no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again. While we cannot see the Spirit in our lives, we can see the effects. It is made evident when we love others, are quick to forgive, walk humbly with God, and cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

Thought For Today: Where do you see the winds of the Spirit blowing in your life. Do you think others see the winds of the Spirit in your life? Why or why not?

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God that you have been born of the Spirit and that the Spirit dwells in you. Pray that the winds of the Spirit will be evident in your life and to others. Deo Volente.